

**COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL
MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2007**

The Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Committee on Council was held on Monday, January 16, 2007 in Committee Room #2.

Chairperson Moore recognized a quorum was present and the meeting convened at 11:07 am.

The Following Committee Members were Present

**The Honorable Felicia A. Moore, Chair
The Honorable Mary Norwood, Vice-Chair
The Honorable Anne Fauver
The Honorable Jim Maddox
The Honorable Natalyn Archibong
The Honorable Ceasar Mitchell**

The Following Committee Member was Absent

The Honorable Cleta Winslow

Others in attendance were President Lisa Borders; Councilman C. T. Martin, District 10; Councilman Ivory Young, District 3; Rhonda Johnson, Municipal Clerk; Robert Barger, Council Director; Derrick Williams, Mayor's Office; Nikki Purdie, Legislative Counsel; Saul Schultz, Law Department; Jeffrey Norman, Law Department; Lynnette Young, Chief Operating Officer; Greg Pridgeon, Chief of Staff; Members of the Public, the Media and Council Staff.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Agenda was ADOPTED without objection.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the January 2, 2007 Committee on Council Meeting were APPROVED.

C. ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL AGENDA

The Full Council Agenda for January 16, 2007 was ACCEPTED without objection.

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D. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

City Hall Atrium Rental Usage and Authorization

President Lisa Borders, informed the Committee that the City Hall Atrium Investigative Report had been completed and received. She also informed the Committee that the Law Department is working on a process to notify Councilmembers of investigations in which a Councilmember's name is mentioned. The President also recommended a published, protocol process and price sheet so that the Council and staff are aware of the protocol and process for renting any City facility and that it should be updated on an annual basis. Councilmembers Young and Martin addressed the Committee concerning the implications against them in the report. Councilman Young stated that his office reserved the space for an organization and that all transactions and dialogs and discussions were done by the organization. Councilman Martin stated that he didn't need to justify what he did and that he would do it again. He also stated that if it were up to him, any citizen, who asked, would be able to use any City facility, on a first come first serve basis because City facilities are paid for by the City's tax payers. Jeffery Norman, the Compliance Manager with the Law Department, spoke to the Committee about the protocol for distribution of the report. Greg Pridgeon, Chief of Staff in the Office of the Mayor, addressed the Committee concerning the review and action to be taken by the Executive Branch, with respect to the report, and Councilmember Fauver asked Mr. Pridgeon to look into the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs supplying plants to Atrium events and in other instances.

E. COMMUNICATION(S)

- 07-C-0015 (1) A Communication by Councilmember Joyce M. Sheperd nominating **Dr. Samantha P. Williams** for an appointment to the Fulton County Board of Health. This appointment is for a term of four (4) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation.

(Councilmember Moore made a motion to Hold.)

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- 07-C-0073 (2) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin appointing **Linda DiSantis** as a member of the Atlanta Fulton County Recreation Authority Board of Trustees for a term of four (4) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. ***(Favorable by CD/HR Committee 1/9/07.)***

(Councilmember Maddox made a motion to Approve.)

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- 07-C-0074 (3) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin appointing **James B. Hughes** to serve as a member of the Atlanta Fulton County Recreation Authority for a term of four (4) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Favorable by CD/HR Committee 1/9/07.)**

(Councilmember Maddox made a motion to Approve.)

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F. ORDINANCE(S) FOR SECOND READING

- 07-O-0081 (1) An Ordinance by Councilmember Howard Shook to amend the Rules of Council so as to establish a policy requiring city departments to submit quarterly reports to the Council Committee of purview in a manner prescribed by the Committee; and for other purposes.

(Councilmember Moore made a motion to Hold.)

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G. ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING

- 07-O-0072 (1) An Ordinance by Committee on Council to amend the 2001 City of Atlanta Precinct and Polling Places Ordinance in Precinct 9F as a result of a Temporary Relocation of said Precinct Polling Place; and for other purposes.

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- 07-O-0094 (2) An Ordinance by Committee on Council to amend Chapter Two, Article II, Division 2, Subdivision II, Section 2-104 (a), entitled "Remarks from Public", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, so as to preclude the City Council from accepting additional names on the speakers' list, to be heard during remarks from the public, after roll call has occurred at its regularly scheduled City Council meetings; to waive conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes.

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H. PAPER(S) HELD IN COMMITTEE

- 06-O-1333 (1) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Anne Fauver and Cleta Winslow to amend the Charter of the City of Atlanta adopted under and by virtue of the authority of the Municipal Home Rule Act of 1965 (Ga. Laws 1965, P.298, et seq.) as amended, to amend Part I, Subpart A, Article VII, Chapter 3, Section 2-301(c) of the Charter of the City of Atlanta, Georgia (Ga. Laws 1996, p. 4469, et seq.), approved April 15, 1996 as amended, so as to allow elected officials to view a video taped copy of the Elected Officials Mandatory Training Modules; to make the mandatory training apply to newly elected officials only; and for other purposes. **(Held 6/19/06; Vote taken to continue to hold 1/02/07.)**
- 06-O-1597 (2) An Ordinance by Committee on Council to amend Chapter 2, Article XVI, Division 1, Section 2-1852 (entitled, "Procedures for appointments of Councilmember to a Board, Commission or Authority.") of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, so as to establish a procedure for appointments of persons, by individual members of Council, to Boards, Commissions or Authorities; to waive conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes. **(Held 8/21/06.)**
- 06-C-1978 (3) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin re-appointing **James Wright** to serve as a member of the Westside Tax Allocation District (TAD) Downtown Advisory Board for the City of Atlanta in the Castleberry Hill Neighborhood Association Category. This re-appointment is for a term of two (2) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Forwarded without Recommendation by CD/HR 9/12/06; Held 9/18/06.)**
- 06-C-1979 (4) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin re-appointing **Michael Tompkins** to serve as a member of the Westside Tax Allocation District (TAD) Downtown Advisory Board for the City of Atlanta in the Chamber of Commerce Category. This re-appointment is for a term of two (2) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Forwarded without Recommendation by CD/HR 9/12/06; Held 9/18/06.)**

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H. PAPER(S) HELD IN COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

- 06-C-1986 (5) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin re-appointing **Michael Jeter** to serve as a member of the Westside Tax Allocation District (TAD) Neighborhood Advisory Board for the City of Atlanta in the Neighborhood/Non-profit Category. This re-appointment is for a term of two (2) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Forwarded without Recommendation by CD/HR 9/12/06; Held 9/18/06.)**
- 06-O-2137 (6) An Ordinance by Councilmember Howard Shook to abolish the term limit for persons serving on any City Board or Commission; and for other purposes. **(Held for further review and discussion 10/02/06.)**
- 06-C-2268 (7) A Communication by Councilmembers Felicia A. Moore, District 9; C. T. Martin, District 10; Jim Maddox, District 11; Joyce M. Sheperd, District 12 and H. Lamar Willis, Post 3 At-Large appointing **Ms. Cindy Dennis** to serve as a member of the Beltline Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee for the City of Atlanta. This appointment is for a term of two (2) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Forwarded with no recommendation by CD/HR Committee 10/31/06; Held 11/6/06 so that the appointee can appear before the Committee.)**

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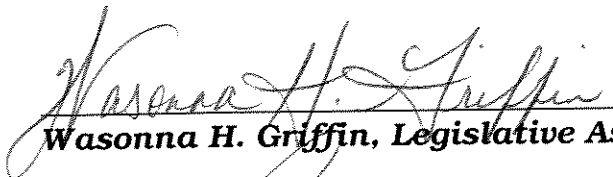
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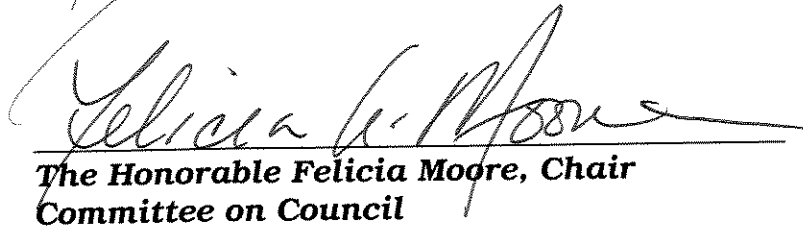
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There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Wasonna H. Griffin, Legislative Assistant


Bernard Thomas, Research & Policy Analyst


**The Honorable Felicia Moore, Chair
Committee on Council**